Formation of Road Safety Department to Monitor and Reduce Road Accidents

1015. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to form a seperate Department of road safety to monitor and reduce road accidents all over the country;

(b) if not, the reasons thereof; and

(c) how does Government propose to bring more focus on road safety in 1996-97?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI M. RAJASEKARA MURTHY): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The primary responsibility for taking measures to check road accidents and to monitor the progress in this regard lies with the enforcement agencies in the States i.e. State Transport Departments, Police and PWD authorities. The Government evoives overall police guidelines for the sake of uniform adoption. For this purpose, a seperate Road Safety Cell has been created in this Ministry. As such there is no need to create a separate department of road safety.

(b) With a view to check the road accidents, the Government has drawn up a comprehensive Action Plan which includes creation of awareness among the road users through press, media and other rpossible target audience. The Government also provides some financial assistance to the State Governments to strengthen their publicity campaigns and also to assist them in other road safety related measures. This is a continues process.

Unauthorise Construction in Delhi

1016. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a recent statement by a Member of Parliament regarding some unauthorised constructions in the city of Delhi;

(b) whether it is fact that unauthorised construction in the city is a common feature in connivance with the Police Officers and civic body officials in that area; and

(c) whether Government propose to ask the civic body to review the building bylaws and publicise the essential parts thereof whereunder construction upto a certain level is permitted without any interferance from the police or the civic body?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (PROF. M. KAMSON): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Decentralising Ahmedabad Telecom Circle

1017. SHRI GOPALSINGH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to bifurcate Ahmedabad telecom into two separate administrative units;

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal; and

(c) if not, what steps are being taken by Goverment to decentralise Ahmedabad telecom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) A proposal for bifurcating Ahmedabad Telecom District into two Telecom Districts viz. Ahmedabad and Ghandinagar was received from Gujarat